

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3172]****State of Mississippi**

Jones County and the contiguous counties of Covington, Forrest, Jasper, Perry, Smith, and Wayne in the State of Mississippi constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on April 14, 1999. Applications for loans for physical damages as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on June 21, 1999 and for economic injury until the close of business on January 20, 2000 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.875
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.437
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 317212 for physical damage and 9C6200 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: April 20, 1999.

Aida Alvarez,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3175]****State of Texas**

Polk County and the contiguous Counties of Angelina, Hardin, Liberty, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Tyler in the State of Texas constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by severe storms and flooding that occurred on April 3, 1999. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on June 21, 1999 and for

economic injury until the close of business on Jan. 21, 2000 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.375
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.188
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster are 317506 for physical damage and 9C6500 for economic injury.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Administrator.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

**Social Security Ruling, SSR 99-2p;
Titles II and XVI: Evaluating Cases
Involving Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
(CFS)**

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.
ACTION: Notice of Social Security Ruling.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1), the Commissioner of Social Security gives notice of Social Security Ruling, SSR 99-2p. This Ruling clarifies disability policy for the evaluation and adjudication of disability claims involving Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). This Ruling explains that, when it is accompanied by appropriate medical signs or laboratory findings, CFS is a medically determinable impairment that can be the basis for a finding of "disability." This Ruling ensures that all adjudicators will use the same policies and procedures in evaluating disability claims involving CFS, and provides a consolidated statement of these policies and procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn Kiefer, Office of Disability, Division of Medical and Vocational Policy, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401, (410) 965-9104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Although we are not required to do so pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) and (a)(2), we are publishing this Social Security Ruling in accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1).

Social Security Rulings make available to the public precedential decisions relating to the Federal old-age, survivors, disability, supplemental security income, and black lung benefits programs. Social Security Rulings may be based on case decisions made at all administrative levels of adjudication, Federal court decisions, Commissioner's decisions, opinions of the Office of the General Counsel, and policy interpretations of the law and regulations.

Although Social Security Rulings do not have the same force and effect as the statute or regulations, they are binding on all components of the Social Security Administration, in accordance with 20 CFR 402.35(b)(1), and are to be relied upon as precedents in adjudicating cases.

If this Social Security Ruling is later superseded, modified, or rescinded, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to that effect.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, Programs 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.006 Supplemental Security Income)

Dated: April 23, 1999.

Kenneth S. Apfel,

Commissioner of Social Security.

**Policy Interpretation Ruling Titles II
and XVI: Evaluating Cases Involving
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)**

Purpose

To restate and clarify the policies of the Social Security Administration for developing and evaluating title II and title XVI claims for disability on the basis of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), also frequently known as Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome.

Citations (Authority)

Sections 216(i), 223(d), 223(f), 1614(a)(3) and 1614(a)(4) of the Social Security Act, as amended; Regulations No. 4, subpart P, sections 404.1505, 404.1508-404.1513, 404.1520, 404.1520a, 404.1521, 404.1523, 404.1526-404.1529, 404.1560-404.1569a and 404.1593-404.1594;